

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2005. Claim 14 has been canceled, and new claims 16-40 have been added. Thus, claims 1-13 and 15-40 are now pending. Claims 1 and 24 are independent.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Kim. This Section 102(e) rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 as amended requires that "the aperture section is bent in such a manner that sides of the aperture section extend in directions which respectively form about 45° with a long side and a short side of the display region, and wherein bent parts of the aperture section are discontinuous." For example and without limitation, Fig. 2 of the instant application illustrates that at least one aperture section 12a for one of the electrodes 12 is bent in such a manner that respective sides of the aperture section extend in directions which respectively form about a 45° angle with a long side and a short side of the display region, and wherein the sides of the apertures section 12a are spaced from each other so that the bent parts of the aperture section in electrode 12 are discontinuous. E.g., pg. 20, line 24 to pg. 21, line 5. Note that in Fig. 2 of the instant application the bent sides/parts of an aperture section 12a are spaced apart and thus form different apertures, so that they are discontinuous.

Kim fails to disclose or suggest the aforesaid underlined features of claim 1. For instance, Kim's aperture section 51 is not bent so that sides thereof for an angle of about 45 degrees with long and short sides of the display region as called for in claim 1. Moreover, citation to Wang cannot cure the aforesaid fundamental flaws of Kim. In particular, Wang also fails to disclose or suggest a discontinuous aperture section in a given electrode. Thus, even the

alleged combination (which applicant believes would be incorrect in any event) fails to meet the invention of claim 1.

Claim 17 requires that "the aperture section is substantially V-shaped in the electrode in which the aperture section is formed." The cited art fails to disclose or suggest this feature.

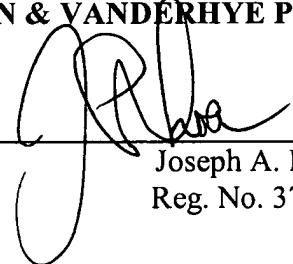
Claim 22 requires that the protrusion section is substantially parallel to the aperture section. Kim fails to disclose or suggest this feature.

It is respectfully requested that all rejections be withdrawn. All claims are in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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